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For : DIRECTIONAL SOLIDIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

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[x] Acknowledgement Postal Card For Stamping By Mail Room

[] Priority and benefits are claimed under 35 USC 119 or 120 based on application Serial No. _____ filed _____.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Documents attached: Application Transmittal;
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